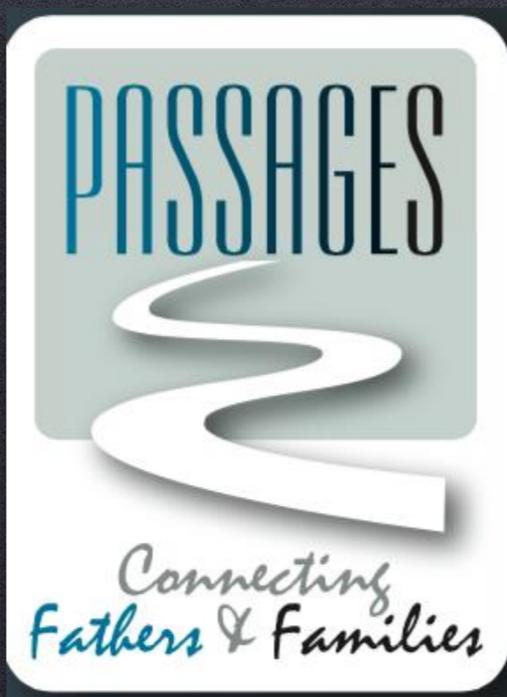


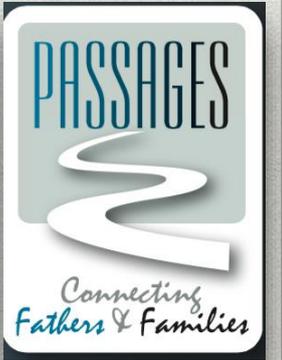


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PASSAGES CONNECTING FATHERS & FAMILIES
THE OHIO COMMISSION ON FATHERHOOD
WORKING TOGETHER TO TRANSFORM COMMUNITIES

PROUDLY SERVING CUYAHOGA, PORTAGE & LORAIN COUNTY



Mission & History

- * Passages, Inc. is a faith-based, non-profit community organization dedicated to enriching the quality of life for children, fathers and mothers; Passages, Inc. strives each day to be the preeminent faith-based, non-profit community organization and provider of self-improvement resources that inspire and empower individuals to lead the lives they most desire; Our mission is to ensure that no child is without a nurturing, engaged and loving father and mother; and that each parent fully grasps that the most important thing they will ever accomplish in life is rearing a child who understands their relationship with the world and the fact that they have the ability to contribute in a positive way.

- * Passages EST. 2000
- * How have we grown?



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Fatherhood Stats - Portage County & Ohio

OHIO

- 2 out of 5 children live in homes without fathers
- 44% of children were born to unmarried mothers (slightly above national average)

Portage County

- Out of 62,222 households 9% are single parent/caregiver households
- 57% of grandparents who reside in homes with grandchildren under 18 report being primary caregivers
- 7,400 absent father cases reported within the court system



Children raised in single parent families often suffer greater depression and emotional distress, higher behavioral and learning difficulties in school, more likely to abuse drugs/alcohol and are often forced to take on adult responsibilities at an early age

Lorain County & Portage County

Landscapes and Opportunities

Lorain County

Active Child Support Cases
32,000

Poverty Level
14.6%



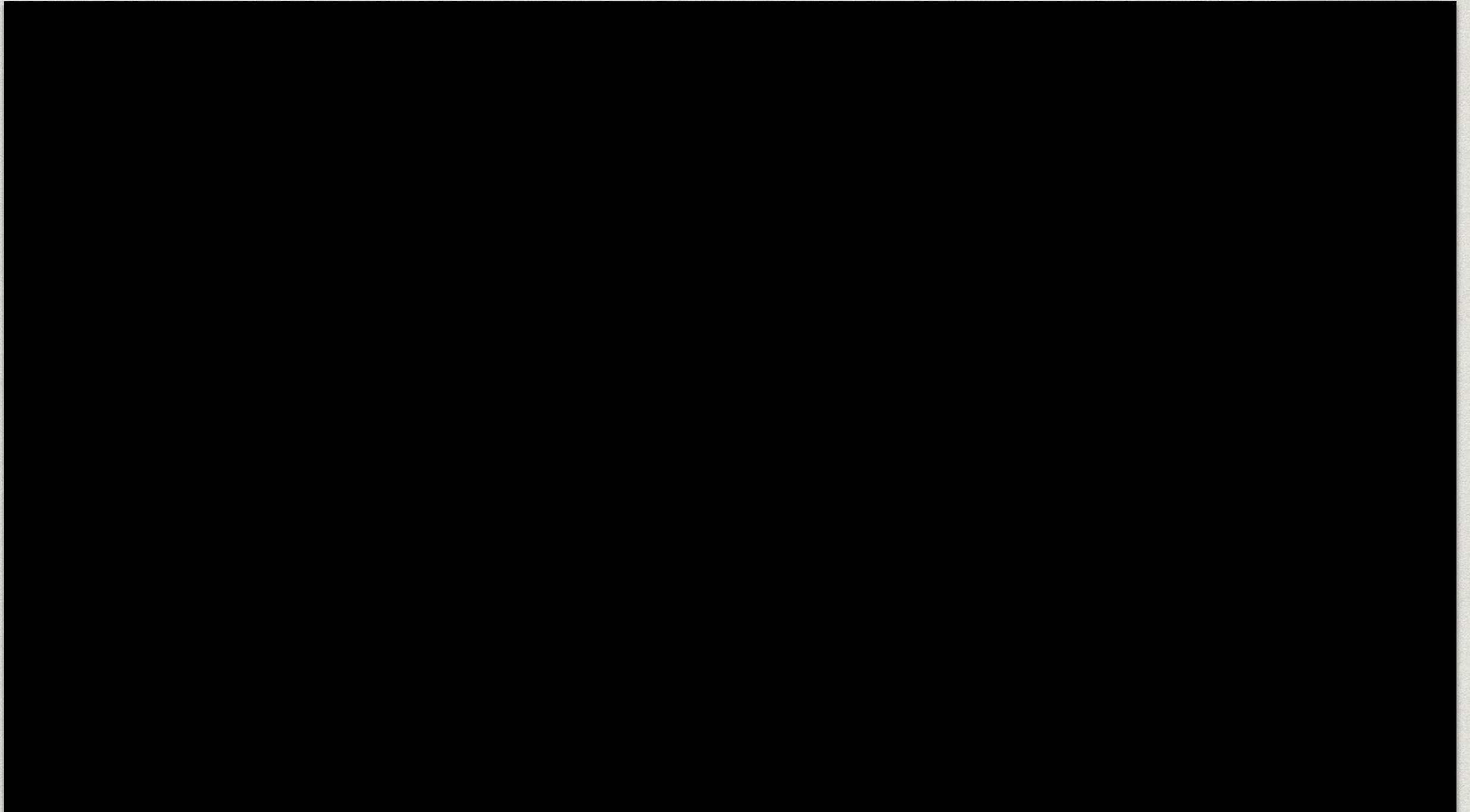
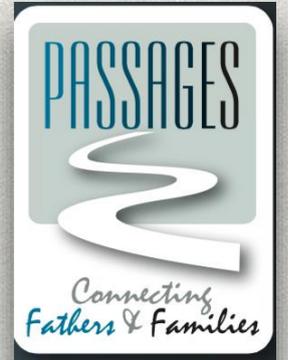
Portage County

Active Child Support Cases
9,031

Poverty Level
16%



Client Testimony



What We Do



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Collaborating with The Ohio Commission On Fatherhood

Responsible Fatherhood

- On My Shoulders
- Domestic Violence Awareness Education

•Healthy Relationships

- On My Shoulders
- Domestic Violence Awareness Education

•Economic Stability

- Financial Education
- Job Readiness, Placement
- Connection to Higher Education Opportunities



- * **Passages carries out direct services with parents**
- * **Designed to**
 - * **End dependency on public assistance**
 - * **Move fathers and families towards self-sufficiency**
 - * **Obtain and maintain employment**
 - * **Improve parenting skills**
 - * **Strengthen family resiliency**

Passages Strengths

- * Efforts to Outcomes (ETO) software
- * Allows us to have a unique impact on fathers, families and communities



Workforce Development



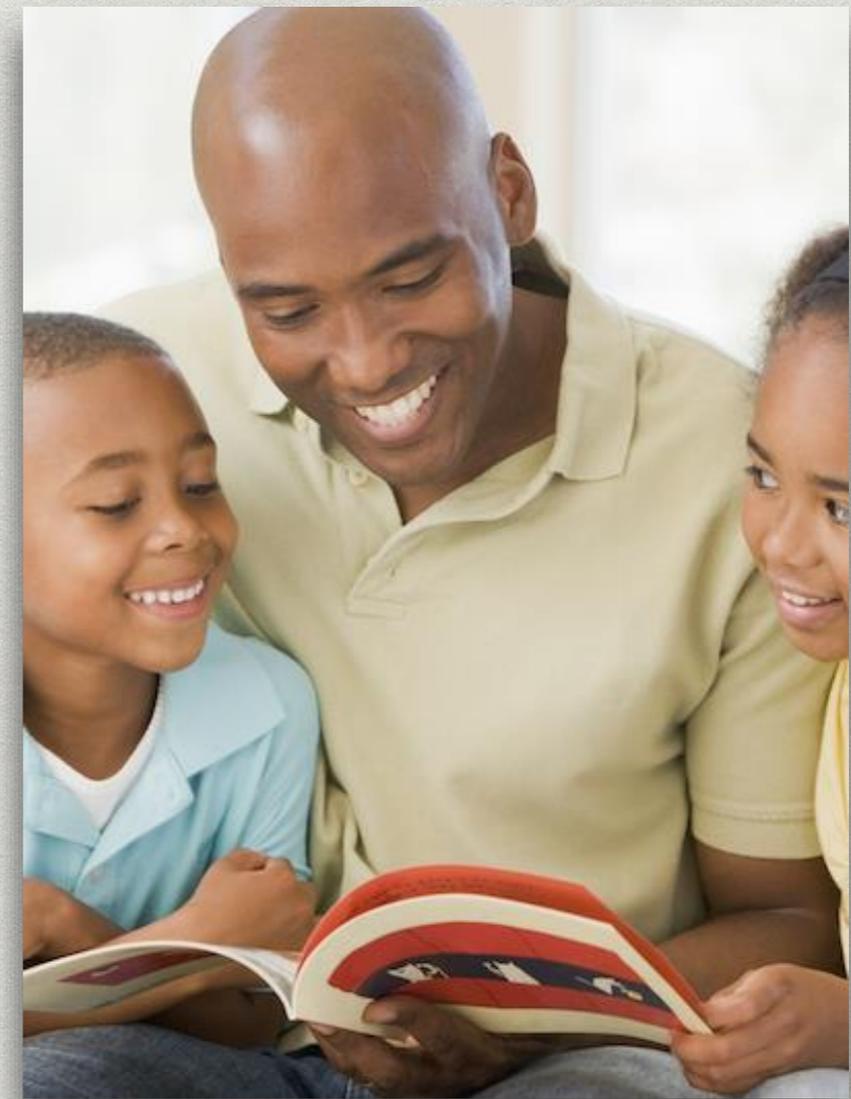
- * Our program is designed to help parents obtain and sustain meaningful employment
- * Job expectations & work ethic
- * Problem solving & priorities
- * Basic computer literacy
- * Online job search skills
- * Transferrable skill development
- * Resumes, cover letters, networking & social media
- * Interview skills, first impressions and how to discuss criminal background
- * Career plans and pathways to higher education opportunities



Parental Skill Development

Responsible Fatherhood & Healthy Relationships

- One of the evidence based curriculums we utilize is On My Shoulders
 - Learn to replace communication danger signs with proactive strategies for respectful talking and listening
 - Explore the role that personality plays in relationships with others - especially with their kids
 - Keep a Gratitude Log to help recognize and practice expressing gratitude as a building block of happiness
 - Acknowledge and carefully consider the role discipline takes in their household
 - Consider secure and insecure attachments
 - Practice strong assertive positive communication
 - Discuss the forces in society that serve to stereotype or limit a man's role
 - Understand the importance of commitment



Incarcerated Fathers



- * Programming in Portage/Lorain County Jails
- * Over 200 fathers reached since November 2015
- * Passages has trained peer facilitators at Lorain & Grafton Correctional Institutions



How We Serve Families

- * Helping parents understand how to parent in separate households
- * Helping unemployed and underemployed parents meet their financial obligations
- * Intensive long term case management
- * Detailed timely reporting
- * Helping families reach and maintain self sufficiency
- * Planning and hosting free community events that encourage fatherhood engagement

Portage County

- Since 2015 we have reconnected 437 children with their parents
- 7 of 10 graduates have gained meaningful employment in the past 18 months
- ROI - \$522,685 (75 clients working full time since grant cycle began)



Community Fatherhood Celebration Events

- * Recognizing the importance of father/child activities Passages sponsors various fatherhood celebration events in Portage County
- * We look forward to the opportunity to collaborate with new public and private entities to develop fatherhood engagement activities



PASSAGES AND PORTAGE COUNTY JFS

3rd annual Fatherhood CELEBRATION

FREE! COME JOIN US! RAIN OR SHINE!

SATURDAY JUNE 18TH NOON-4:00PM
BROWN MIDDLE SCHOOL
228 S. SCRANTON ST.
RAVENNA, OH 44266

@PASSAGESPORTAGE
FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT US AT:
WWW.PASSAGES-OH.ORG
OR CALL 330.296. DADS (3237)

Family Games	Petting Zoo
Free Car Seat Checks	Pony Rides
Community Resources	Face Painting
Hot dogs/Snacks	Giveaways
Tea Party	and more!

Sponsored by:
Portage County Job & Family Services, Area Faith-Based Organizations & the Ohio Commission of Fatherhood
Passages Connecting Fathers and Families, Inc. - 122 N. Prospect Street - Ravenna, OH 44266

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Connecting Fathers & Families

Logos for Portage County, Ohio Commission on Fatherhood, and PARTA.



2016 Fatherhood Celebration



Where We Are Going

2017 and Beyond

- * Community Connectors Grant - Mentoring Program - 12 to 17 year olds Portage County
- * New Beginnings for New Fathers Grant partnership with The Ohio Commission on Fatherhood (Cuyahoga, Clark, Montgomery, Franklin, Hamilton)
- * Selected by MDRC for a CBE (Cognitive Behavioral Employment) Research Study
- * Expansion into additional northeast Ohio counties



THANK YOU
FOR YOUR
TIME

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